Fore cast of transportation policies.

94. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a fore-cast of their transportation policies for all of the next possible number of years ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The roads in the State are divided into the following four classes:—

(a) Roads leading from important towns in the State to the frontiers of Travancore or British District of Malabar.

(b) Roads connecting important places within the State.

(c) Roads connecting Railway stations with the roads under (a) and (b).

(d) Roads connecting villages with roads under (a) and (b).

There are three agencies charged with the construction and maintenance of roads in the State. Roads under (a), (b) and (c) above are constructed and maintained by the P. W. D. of the State. Portions of these roads which are within Municipal limits as well as other roads which lie entirely within such limits are maintained by those bodies. As regards roads under class (d), roads involving much expenditure and construction of costly masonry works are undertaken by the P. W. D., while the others are undertaken by local bodies called Village Panchayats. The maintenance of important village roads is also seen to by the P. W. D. leaving comparatively less important ones to be maintained by the Panchayats.

Income-tax Bill—giving retrospective effect to.

95. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the great demand of funds for developments, will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to give retrospective application to our Income-tax Bill, especially to any of its topmost grade ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is not possible to do so.

Road works—approved by Road Board.

96. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 585, dated the 31st March 1933 and its reply, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government to carry out the decision of the Road Board ;

(b) what is the decision of the Board ; and

(c) when was it made ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The work could not be taken up by for want of funds.

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(b) The decision of the Road Board was "The Board considers the work necessary and would request the P. W. D. to attend to it at an early date."

(c) In the Road Board meeting No. 3/07, held on 21st July 1932 (6th Karkadagam 1107.)

Opening of water communication to Kunnamkulam.

97. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the resolution moved at the last meeting of the Legislative Council to open water communication to Kunnamkulam, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government to open water communication to Kunnamkulam ;

(b) whether the Government have submitted to the Madras Government for approval the device suggested to prevent the danger of introducing brackish water ; and if not

(c) what is the reason for not doing it ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b) The Madras Government have been addressed to know (1) if they approve of the device suggested by this Government against the danger of introducing brackish water and (2) whether they are willing to co-operate with this Government in the opening of the proposed canal.

(c) The question does not arise in view of the answer above.

Road from Kadavallur Temple to Pazhanji Road.

98. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to question No. 635, dated 31st March 1933—

(a) whether the Road Board have been informed that the Government were not able to give effect to the recommendation of the Board in preparing the budget for the current year ;

(b) whether the P. W. D. had included the provision for constructing the road in the budget proposals for the current year submitted to the Government by the Department ;

(c) whether the Department has included or will include it in the budget proposals submitted or to be submitted for the next year ;

(d) what action has been or will be taken by the P. W. D. and the Government to complete this work in 1109 ;

(e) whether a copy of the first petition received by the Government requesting to open the road referred to will be printed and placed on the table ?

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